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PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL AS ATTORNEY

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ATTENTION: Director Group 1645

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.36, the Petitioner requests permission to withdraw as attorney for applicant, Hsu et al., in all matters pending before the Patent and Trademark Office. The Petitioner is authorized by, and makes this request on behalf of the law firm of Knobbe, Martens, Olson & Bear, LLP (Customer No. 20,995), including all of its individual members.

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The basis for the request for withdrawal is 37 C.F.R. § 10.40(c)(1)(vi). The following facts are submitted for consideration:

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1. That, on April 8, 1999, Applicant engaged Petitioner law firm to prepare and file the utility patent application referenced above.

- 2. That Petitioner prepared and filed the utility application on October 21, 2001.
- 3. That Applicant has failed to pay one or more bills, the outstanding account balance has been more than \$1,918.12 since July 2001, and currently stands at \$1,932.34.
- 4. That the Applicant is unwilling to pay the full amount of the current balance.
- 5. That Applicant was given notice that the Petitioner would withdraw and has failed to execute a Revocation of Power of Attorney as requested on May 28, 2003.

The application was filed on October 21, 2001, and its current status is Pending. There is no outstanding term for response.

The Petitioner has taken reasonable steps to avoid foreseeable prejudice to the rights of the client. Such that the Applicant's rights are preserved, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 10.40(a), the Petitioner has delivered into the possession of the Applicant the following information:

- (1) due notice that the attorney is withdrawing;
- (2) a copy of this petition, including attachments;
- (3) the time necessary for response;
- (4) the address of the Patent and Trademark Office where the applicant needs to write;
- if extensions and extension fees are required, then this information has also been indicated; and
- (6) delivered to the client all papers and property to which the client is entitled.

A copy of the letter to the client is attached.

In accordance with 1058 O.G. 32, this petition is enclosed in triplicate to expedite its handling.

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The Petitioner, on behalf of the law firm of Knobbe, Martens, Olson & Bear, LLP (Customer No. 20,995), including all of its individual members, respectfully requests permission to withdraw as attorney in the above-referenced case now pending before the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office.

Respectfully submitted,

KNOBBE, MARTENS, OLSON & BEAR, LLP

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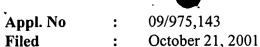
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